Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives welcome with pleasure the opportunity to recognize a remarkable Missouri citizen whose efforts and accomplishments have made her a source of inspiration to all those around her; and

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Whereas, Valerie Pruitt has been chosen as a recipient of the Cardinal Teacher of the Year award, a most impressive accolade to be bestowed upon her by the Webb City Chamber of Commerce on October 16, 2008, at the Webb City High School Cafeteria in Webb City, Missouri; and

Whereas, Valerie Pruitt has distinguished herself as a fifth grade teacher at Webb City Middle School, located in the Webb City R-VII School District; and

Whereas, Valerie Pruitt earned a Bachelor's degree in elementary education with a minor in speech pathology at Missouri Southern State University in Joplin, where she graduated Magna Cum Laude in 2001, prior to earning a Master's degree in elementary education; and

Whereas, Valerie Pruitt has also enjoyed recognition as a three-year member of the Webb City School District Professional Development Committee, of which she currently serves as co-chairman; and

Whereas, Valerie Pruitt is held in high esteem as an educator who demonstrates considerable competence and remarkable degrees of compassion and understanding; and

Whereas, Valerie Pruitt has been blessed with the love and support of a wonderful family whose members include her husband, Will Pruitt; and her parents, Kenny and Gail Creed; and

Whereas, Valerie Pruitt can take pride in knowing she has consistently given more than one hundred percent to all those activities in which she has so generously and enthusiastically participated:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Valerie Pruitt for her selection to receive the Cardinal Teacher of the Year award and in further wishing her continued success in all future endeavors; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Valerie Pruitt.

Offered by

Representative Bryan P. Stevenson District No. 128

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4327, adopted October 8, 2008.